

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated November 8, 2001, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3 5-8, 15 and 19-27 under the doctrine of obviousness - type double patenting claims 15, 21-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). The Examiner indicated that claims 19-20 and 24-27 would be allowable if re-written in independent form. The Examiner also indicated that claims 1-3 and 5-8 would be allowable if the double patenting rejection was overcome.

In response the Examiner's rejections, applicant has cancelled claims 15 and 21-23. Applicant has also re-written claims 19-20 and 24-26 in independent form. Applicant has also enclosed herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in order to overcome the double patenting rejection of claims 1-3 and 5-8. Therefore, Applicant respectfully believes the application in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any matter of form or language which stand in the way of examination of the present application, the undersigned hereby respectfully requests a telephone conference to resolve such issues.

Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayment in fees associated with the prosecution of this application to deposit account no. 08-1500.

Respectfully submitted,



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